

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING KAREN D. ANDERSON

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Mrs. Karen D. Anderson has answered that call by giving of herself as an educator at Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Elementary Traditional Theme School, and as a beloved wife, mother and friend; and

Whereas, Mrs. Anderson has been chosen as the 2014 Teacher of the Year, representing Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Elementary Traditional Theme School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, motivational speeches and words of wisdom; and

Whereas, Mrs. Anderson is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared her vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children, receive an education that is relevant not only for today, but well into the future, as she truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Karen D. Anderson for her leadership and service to our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2014 Teacher of the Year at Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Traditional Theme Elementary School; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 28, 2014 as Mrs. Karen D. Anderson Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 28th day of March, 2014.

BILL MIDDLETON TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Commander Bill Middleton, Investigations Divisions Commander of the Garfield County Sheriff's office, who is retiring after 22 years of service.

Since he was ten years old, Commander Middleton was surrounded by family members in law enforcement who served as mentors and played a large role in his desire to pursue a career in law enforcement. With a calling to leadership and helping others, Commander Middleton put himself through the academy at CMC Spring Valley Campus in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, before embarking on more

than two decades of protecting and serving his community.

Commander Middleton received a number of promotions over his career, showing his leadership by serving as Team Leader of Hostage Negotiations, serving as Professional Standards Division Commander from 2007 to 2013, and receiving his Bachelors of Science in Business Administration in 2009, before being named Investigations Division Commander in 2013.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Commander Middleton for his service to our state, the Glenwood Springs community, and his commitment to leading, protecting and helping others.

HONORING YWCA LAKE COUNTY
AND ITS 2014 WOMEN OF
ACHIEVEMENT

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor five outstanding women and four exemplary organizations in the suburban Chicago community that I represent. The YWCA Lake County hosts its annual Women of Achievement Award Dinner to honor several individuals and organizations dedicated to empowering underserved and low-income families, and especially women and girls.

This year's impressive group of honorees celebrates the ideals of the YWCA and has made a tremendous impact in the community. From education to local government and entrepreneurship, these honorees represent the finest ideals of social service, community involvement and civic leadership.

This year, YWCA Lake County honors Roycealee J. Wood with the Lifetime Achievement Award, after 40 years serving the students of Lake County as a teacher, administrator and Superintendent; Roberta Rubin with the Arts and Culture Award for sharing her love of books with the community; Audrey Nixon with the Civic Leadership Award, after 32 years on the Lake County Board; Tiffany Brooks with the Entrepreneurship Award, after winning HGTV's "Design Star" competition and launching her own firm; Jamie Kreppein, a high school senior, with the Dr. Minnie J. Leggett Scholarship for diverse and inspiring work with children.

This year's Corporate Champion Award goes to Allstate Insurance Company for its longtime support for YWCA programs and community endeavors; and the Community Champion Awards go to Greater St. James Temple Church in God in Christ (North Chicago), Redeemer Lutheran Church (Waukegan) and St. Paul's Church (Waukegan).

Mr. Speaker, the accomplishments of these honorees stretch pages and pages and have touched the lives and hearts of countless individuals and families in our communities. Their

work, their passion and, most of all, their commitment to helping others is truly commendable and remarkable.

I thank YWCA Lake County for its community service, and I congratulate the worthy and impressive 2014 Women of Achievement.

HONORING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
FROM WAYNE, MACOMB AND
OAKLAND COUNTIES THAT HAVE
ENLISTED IN THE ARMED
FORCES

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues Congressman MIKE ROGERS, Congressman SANDER LEVIN, Congressman KERRY BENTIVOLIO, Congressman JOHN DINGELL, Congressman JOHN CONYERS, and Congressman GARY PETERS to recognize the high school seniors from Wayne, Macomb and Oakland Counties that have enlisted in the Armed Forces and will begin their military careers after graduating in June of 2014.

I congratulate them for this academic achievement and express my most sincere gratitude for their commitment to this nation. By enlisting to serve in our Armed Forces, they are answering the highest calling and joining an elite, honored society of selfless and courageous leaders.

UNITED STATES ARMY

Allyn, Vincent; Anderson, Clintina; Andrews, Donovan; Atiyeh, Alecia; Avery Conner, Rhonda; Bakare, Adebawale; Ball, Jeffery; Bennett, Steven; Berschbach, Alex; Bettner, Cameron; Bibbs, William; Black, Raquel; Blassie, Devin; Bratasheva, Lidia; Brown, Reginald; Bryant, Zachary; Bullen, Thomas; Burns, Nathaniel; Byrd, Jonathan.

Campbell, Samuel; Carlstrom, Christopher; Carter, Malik; Ceri, Rrigels; Christian, Andrew; Clark, Colin; Coker, Bryan; Cosby, Erica; Cote, Taylor; Couzens, Nicholas; Cox, Tyler; Crawford, Christopher; Cummings, Dominic; Davis, Pete; Dempsey, Brianna; Dixon, Sabrina; Dockus, Anthony; Edghill, Peter; Ellsworth, Hunter; Farrow II, Kelly.

Frazier, Samantha; Freeman, Alexander; Gackiewicz, Christian; Gifford, Eric; Gilbert, Christopher; Goins, Jeffrey; Goode, Tyler; Gordon, Joseph; Gray, Sergei; Green, Bailey; Green, Jacob; Griffith, Donald; Grimes, Autumn; Guilmette, Zachary; Hall, Brenton; Heffley, Daniel; Heythaler, Bethany; Hill, Taylor; Hill, Windall; Holmes, Alexandra.

Houle, Joseph; Hourmiz, Jonathan; Hudak, Anna; Hurd-Laskowski, Nathan; Jackson, Aaron; Jackson, Glenn; James, Robert; Janssen, Chase; Johnson, Malik; Jones, Dante; Jones, Townesen; Jones, Zachary; Juarez, Abraham; Justice, Kyle; Justice, Michael; Kalia, Kartik; Kasza, Zachary; Keller, Jesse; Kelley, Jordan; Kelly, Matthew; King, Jordan.

Kinney, Camdin; Kinney, Michael; Krause, Anton; Krekla, John; Kuecken, Lindsay; Kwicien, Max; Laitis, Dylan; Lange, Brian;

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Lashley, James; Lawson, Brandon; Leach, Tabatha; Lindsay, Aaron; Lopez, Juan; Lucas, Brandon; Maciejewski, Cameron; Mack, John; Mason, Angela; Massoud, Mysaruh; Matney, Jakob; Mawby, Donald; Maybin, Johnny.

McCoury, Jacob; McDermott, John; McKenzie, Kurtis; McLatchie, Robert; McPherson, Nigel; Medina, Chelsea; Merrill, Alexander; Milspaugh, Brett; Morgan, Chad; Mullins, Jason; Mullins, Mason; Neil, Colin; Nimmo, Stephen; Novak, Michael; Nowicki, Chene; Obi, Charles; Orman, Nicholas; Orozco, Alexis; Ouellette, Tyler; Overholt, Christopher.

Parker, Johnathon; Patrick, Dejanee; Paulczak, Alexander; Prush, Steven; Ray, Tanner; Reid, Ashleigh; Rethford, Tyler; Richardson, Ronald; Robinson, Austin; Rodriguez Morales, Charles; Rogers, Reign; Salisbury, Calvin; Sarna, Nicholas; Scott Coles, Lenard; Sergi, Anthony; Short, Laurissa; Simmons, Brian; Skwierc, Krystina; Smith, Andrew; Smith, Kyle.

Sonberger, Zachary; Sorathiya, Atulkumar; Staschke, Ryan; Stennett, Connor; Stoddard, Patrick; Stone, Michael; Stone, Zeke; Tanner, David; Thill, Joseph; Thomas, Deonte; Thompson, John; Tokarczyk, Logan; Twigg, Christopher; Vincent, Kenneth; Walker, Elizabeth; Wallace, William; Wargo, Joshua; Weatherspoon, Juwan; Weaver, James; West, Garret.

Wilcox, Alexander; Willhite, Samuel; Williams, Rodsalan; Williams, Shaeley; Wilson, Robert; Windmon, Ahkeim; Winters, Deshaun; Witt, Christopher; Yang, Patrick; Zuccaro, Randy.

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Babcock, Bradley; Baumgardner, Alan; Beard, Eric; Beck, Jordan; Belknap, Ryan; Benny, Guy; Bicknell, Christopher; Blackson, Jared; Bourdage, Bradley; Boyland, Daishaun; Brown, Matthew; Campbell, Andrew; Cavanaugh, Clayton; Cera, Ardi; Chavez, Jacob; Clements, Alec; Craven, Jacob; Curtis, Austin; Dagher, Jacob; Demara, Michael.

Dillon, Robert; Ebert, Brandon; Ellis, Zachary; Gall Alexander; Giovannetti, Nicholas; Girard, Mark; Gloster, Tatyana; Grieve, Shane; Hanson, Darius; Heinzman, James; Hendershot, Jarret; Hendry, Trevor; Hernandez, Rosa; Herrera, Alberto; Hessling, Nathaniel; Hoover, Jeremiah; Ignasiak, Mark; Jackson, Toni.

Jones, Kyle; Joseph, Trevor; Julian, Zachary; Kerkhof, Kory; Kesto, Jonathon; King, Scott; Kroetsch, Tyler; Leploh, Dalton; Lewins, John; Lind, Nathan; Ludolph, Terrin; Martinez, Ivan; McDonald, William; Moir, James; Monday, Kyle; Mosley, Donald; Nagy, Tyler; Nelson, Tyler; Nelson, Jerry; O'Brien, Justin.

Pastor, Joshua; Paulisin, Jacob; Perez, Herald; Philbin, Brandon; Phillips, Jacob; Reeves, Daren; Revynwinkler, Jalen; Rice, Markies; Rojo, Ramiro; Rouse, Marcellos; Ryan, Thomas; Sappington, Jasen; Schafer, Zackery; Scott, Jody; Setty, Joshua; Sikes, Joshua; Smith, Shaine; Soto, Mario; Springer, Andrew; Taperek, Tyler.

Trader, Kristi; Tremble, Gregory; Trueblood, Julian; Vanpamel, Noah; Vicari, Nicholas; Williams, Matthew; Wilson, Calvin; Wysocki, Danielle.

UNITED STATES NAVY

Allison, Coshonna; Barrie, Tiffani; Bitzer, Preston; Bork, Alicia; Branham, Aaron-Anthony; Britton, Brandon; Burley, Christopher; Burtell, Matthew; Calhoun, Devan; Chambers Lilley, Quintin; Colegrove, Aaron; Cuevas, Carlos; Davis, Natadiah; Demarais, Olivia; Doederlein, Brinson; Durnen, Jeremy; Fisher, Carol; Fisher, Trey; Frizzell, Joseph; Grajevci, Gen.

Hanosh, Patrick; Harden, Dewane; Harper, Marquis; Haynes, Tamar; Hilliard, Emilia;

Huber, Julia; Jones, Corey; Knapp, Xavier; Larkins, Argie; Lawrence, Kyle; Love, Darren; Lupi, Cody; Matthews, Christopher; Matthews, Lee; McCoy, Taylor; McDaniel, Ahmad; McIntyre, Brianna; Millben, Jasmine; Nagy, Curtis; Pilver, Grant; Pinter, Christian; Quantrell, Melanie; Rabideau, Carly; Reed, Jason; Salisbury, Rhiannon.

Sanchez, Eduardo; Scarlett, Joshua; Scherr, Aaron; Sharon, Elijah; Sharpe, Russell; Sikorski, Benjamin; Singletary, Damarko; Sum, Faye; Spann, Arturo; Speiran, Eric; Stamps, Karnisha; Stewart, Ricardo; Stinson, Marissa; Thompson, Natalie; Tipton, Matthew; Valdez, Daniel; Valerius, David; Vasquez, Judaya; Warner, Jenniah; Westerby, Jeffrey; Wilhelm, Zachary; Wilson, Andrew; Yurik, Nathan; Zacharek, Garret; Zadorski, Susan; Zendejas Hill, Joseph.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Borland, Michael; Bozeman, Carl; Budurowich, Michael; Carter, Corey; Daprich, Dillon; Favorite, Devin; Hagan, Daniel; Harris, George; Hartwick, Jessica; Haskett, Anthony; Hendricks, Winston; Horner, Brandon; Jackson, Reid; Johnson, Joel; Johnstone, Keellie; Jones, Stephen; Kuzara, Caleb; Livingston, Marc; Mooney, Nathan; Mullins, John; O'grady, Bradley; Reinwasser, Joshua; Short, Tyler; Steffes, Donovan; Stevenson, Kaitlin; Vinton, Joshua.

SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH DAY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Springfield Baptist Church has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our district for the past one hundred thirty-five years; and

Whereas, Pastor Eric Lee and the members of the Springfield Baptist Church family today continues to uplift and inspire those in our district; and

Whereas, the Springfield Baptist Church family has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our district; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past one hundred thirty-five (135) years, being organized in 1879 founded during the turbulent post-Civil War period by former slaves in order for them to continue to worship together as a congregation under the leadership of Rev. Joe Sims; and

Whereas, Springfield Baptist Church has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with Rockdale County their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Springfield Baptist Church family as they dedicate their new Church Campus and for continued leadership and service to our District and the

world; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 2, 2014 as Springfield Baptist Church Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 2nd day of May, 2014.

RECOGNIZING SPECIALIST FOUR RONALD N. SANDQUIST, BRONZE STAR RECIPIENT FOR HEROIC ACHIEVEMENT

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present the United States Bronze Star with "V" Device to Specialist Four Ronald N. Sandquist for heroic achievement while serving as a Specialist Four E4 in Company E of the 2nd Battalion in the 1st Infantry or the 196th Brigade. Specialist Four Sandquist distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous action while serving as an ammunition bearer in the mortar platoon of E company which was reinforcing the Kham Duc Special Forces Camp on 12 May 1968. During the battle of Kham Duc an integral ammunition bunker caught ablaze, following this attack Specialist Sandquist repeatedly risked his life in order to evacuate wounded members of his squad to a safer position. If this alone were not heroic enough, he repeatedly returned to the burning bunker to carry badly needed ammunition to a safer position. As stated by Specialist Sandquist's commanding officer, John K. Sammet, "Specialist Sandquist, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, exposed himself to intense hostile fire to carry ammunition from the ammunition pit to the gun placement and prepare the charges for fire." Specialist Four Sandquist's devotion to duty, personal bravery, and valorous conduct are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the American Division, and the U.S. Army.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a very grateful nation, please join me in recognizing and thanking Specialist Four Ronald N. Sandquist for his acts of valor.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HARCOURT IRVIN CLARK, SR.

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Harcourt Irvin Clark, Sr., who passed away on Thursday, May 8, 2014, at Memorial Regional Medical Center in Hollywood, Florida. Mr. Clark was a loving husband, father, patriot, and trailblazer.

Mr. Clark was born on December 23, 1934, to the late Zena Marie Sawyer-Clark and Irwin Harcourt "Christmas" Clark in Coconut Grove, Florida. He received his K-12 education in Miami-Dade County Public Schools and graduated from the historic George Washington Carver High School in 1953. It was at George Washington Carver High School where he developed a passion for music and became a drum major for the school marching band.

The style and showmanship he displayed as a drum major earned him the nickname "Sporty Mingy." Upon graduation, Mr. Clark fulfilled his dream of becoming a member of the famed Marching 100, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's (FAMU) marching band. As a drum major, he developed leadership skills that benefited him throughout his life. While at FAMU, he also met Alice Martha Cabrera, who would become the love of his life and his wife of 44 years.

After leading the Marching 100, Mr. Clark joined the U.S. Army and served in Europe. He later returned to the United States to complete his studies, earning a Bachelor's Degree, two Master's Degrees, and various certifications.

Mr. Clark worked tirelessly to make a difference. He became the first African-American police officer in the city of Coral Gables, Florida. Determined to break more barriers, he went on to serve as Chief of Police for the University of Miami Police Department, Director of Campus Safety for Florida International University, and as the first Administrative Director for the Miami-Dade County Equal Opportunity Program Social Service Agency which is now the Community Action Agency of Miami-Dade County. He later shared his expertise and experiences as a professor of criminal justice at Florida International University, and pursued his entrepreneurial spirit by opening "The Hickory Pit Barbeque Restaurant." Mr. Clark capped his public service journey as a librarian in the city of North Miami.

Mr. Clark was a devout Christian and life-long member of the Christ Episcopal Church in Coconut Grove. He was also a Life Member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated (Life Member #227), and a member of The Free and Accepted Masonic Lodge, Prince Hall Affiliated.

Mr. Clark is survived by his brother Vernon H. Clark; children Veronica Wesley, Harcourt I. Clark, Jr., Jennifer Clark-Parker, and Theron Clark; grandchildren Shamoria, Kiana, Bria, Chazare, Cordy, Kiah, Kaylah, Kianah, Kinesh, and Theron II; great-grandchildren Denzel and Dantavia; in-law Roland Carrington; numerous nieces and nephews; and companion Lorraine Bethel. He was preceded in death by his loving and devoted wife of 44 years, Alice Martha Clark, mother Zina Marie Sawyer, father Irwin Harcourt "Christmas" Clark; siblings Herbert Pratt, Ernest Clark, Mervin Clark, and Rose Marie Johnson.

Mr. Clark lived a life of purpose, commitment, and service. He was a drum major for justice, equality, and advancement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Harcourt Irvin Clark, Sr. and in extending our condolences to his family and friends.

STATEMENT OF INTRODUCTION

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Medicaid Physician Self-Referral Act of 2014. This important legislation provides a necessary clarification to Section 1902 of the Social Security Act. The legislation

provides that Medicaid designated health services claims are subject to the same requirements as Medicare designated health services claims are under the Physician Self-Referral Law. Health care providers subject to the Physician Self-Referral Law should not be able to avoid penalties under the law simply because a claim is a Medicaid claim rather than a Medicare claim. Both programs involve taxpayer money and we need to ensure the long-term solvency of the Medicaid program, just as we do with the Medicare program.

The Department of Justice, mindful of this, has worked to bring causes of action against providers under the False Claims Act involving violations of the Physician Self-Referral law—even in the Medicaid context. In one recent case, the Department of Justice relied on 42 U.S.C. § 1396b(s), which provides that a state shall not receive federal reimbursement for a claim submitted through the Medicaid program if the same claim would be rejected under the terms of the Medicare program, had the service been covered by Medicare instead of Medicaid.

It is important to align Title XIX with other provisions involving the Physician Self-Referral Law and the Medicaid program. Thus, while the law has always provided that the Medicaid and Medicare programs were on equal footing vis-a-vis the Physician Self-Referral Law, this clarification makes this clear and leaves no doubt that Congress intends this to be the case.

HONORING NATIONAL DANCE WEEK FOUNDATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, many individuals and organizations strive to bring awareness, enlightenment and entertainment to our community through culture and dance; and

Whereas, The National Dance Week Foundation was formed in 1981 to bring greater recognition to dance; giving us an unique opportunity for our nation to showcase the different musicians, writers, producers, promoters, performers and dancers who have contributed to making Dance a heavy weight in the industry of entertainment around the world; and

Whereas, today we celebrate the kickoff of National Dance Week Month at the Redan Recreation Center in Lithonia, by witnessing performers showcase Dance to our District; and

Whereas, our beloved District has found a jewel in the art of dancing, it promotes fun fitness and dance touches the minds and souls of untold millions; and

Whereas, our community has been strengthened in times of joy and sorrow through dance; putting rhythm in our feet, adrenalin in our blood and pizzazz in our spirits; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the gift of Dance as an unique and wonderful cultural contribution to our District, the Nation and the world;

now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 26, 2014 as National Dance Week Foundation Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 26th day of April, 2014.

RECOGNIZING THE LAKE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S 2014 ANNUAL AWARDS HONOREES

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a few of the companies that make the suburban Chicago communities I represent ideal places to build businesses and start families. Each year, the Lake County Chamber of Commerce recognizes excellence in the business community and also in the realm of community service.

Like this year's honorees, the Lake County Chamber of Commerce understands that a thriving business community helps build a thriving town, village or city. From practicing good, everyday corporate citizenship to launching community initiatives and engaging the community culturally, the businesses and employees of Illinois's Lake County routinely go above and beyond typical expectations.

It is my great pleasure to recognize the 2014 Lake County Chamber of Commerce Honorees: Tranel Financial Group will receive the Community Involvement Award; AbbVie will receive the Major Benefactor Award; Six Flags Great America will receive the Good Neighbor Award; Kimberly Kreml of Key Lime Cove will receive the Volunteer of the Year Award; and The Waukegan Public Library will receive the Community Impact Award.

Each of these honorees has demonstrated a deep commitment to the community and to the spirit of service. I am proud that Lake County is home to so many responsible businesses, organizations and individuals who dedicate themselves to helping those around them and enriching our communities.

HONORING DONALD L. COOK

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Donald L. Cook who on May 18, 2014, was recognized for his service in the Army of the United States during World War II.

Don rose through the ranks achieving the status of Technical Sergeant while assigned to the 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division and served at various locations across this country before being deployed to New Caledonia, followed by the arduous battles on the island of Luzon in the Philippines, prior to taking up occupation duties in Japan.

He was presented with the Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart with three Oak Leaf Clusters as well as many other accolades almost seventy years after the conflict ended. He, as did many of this generation sought no rewards, they merely went home

after the war to raise their families, and make this the greatest nation in the world.

Son of the late Annabell and Oscar Cook, he resided in Lesterville, Missouri where he and his wife Luellen Laramore Cook raised four children. They have been blessed with eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

He served his community as a teacher and principal. Additionally, he was the proprietor of Black River Floats and Canoe service, and active in numerous service organizations.

Mr. Cook will celebrate his ninetieth birthday on July 2, 2014. It is my privilege to recognize Donald L. Cook's achievements before the House of Representatives with a hearty thank you from a grateful nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF GREATER PEACE BAPTIST CHURCH'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation of Greater Peace Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia as the church's membership and leadership celebrates a remarkable 75 years. The congregation celebrated this very significant anniversary on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 3 p.m. at the church in Columbus, Georgia.

Greater Peace Baptist Church was founded by a group of Christian missionaries from New Mount Zion Baptist Church in 1939. Rev. H. Hunter served as the church's first pastor during its humble beginnings. With the hard work and perseverance of dedicated deacons and members, Rev. Hunter was able to keep the church alive until Rev. George E. King became the pastor in 1940. Unfortunately, the church was completely destroyed by a fire in 1951. Instead of regarding the event as a tragedy, the members of Greater Peace Baptist Church saw the fire as an opportunity to come together, reconstruct the church, and help it move forward.

In 1952, Rev. Oliver L. Holston became the pastor and brought new ideas to enhance the church. He oversaw the renovations and expanded the church to accommodate new members. Rev. Holston ordained many Christian men during his leadership, some of whom later became pastors themselves. In 1984, Rev. Holston passed away and later in the year, Rev. E.L. Sullivan took over leadership of the church.

Under Rev. Sullivan, numerous new ministries were formed to meet the needs of the church, including the Missionary Circles, Pastor's Cabinet, and Church Program Committee. Rev. Sullivan also helped establish reliable transportation and church hymnals, and procured robes and other items for the church's members. Several members were licensed and ordained under Rev. Sullivan's leadership including the current pastor, Rev. Corey J. Neal. In 2004 and 2005, many amenities were added to the fellowship hall, an administrative office was constructed, and the Pastor's study was remodeled. In December 2007, after 23 faithful years, Rev. Sullivan preached as Senior Pastor and prepared to

pass the torch to his grandson, Rev. Corey J. Neal.

Rev. Neal was installed as the new Shepherd of Greater Peace Baptist Church on December 30, 2007. Since his installation, the church membership has increased tremendously. Rev. Neal has continued his grandfather's legacy of forming and developing many new ministries at the church. After Pastor Emeritus Rev. E.L. Sullivan was called home to the Lord, the fellowship hall was graciously named in his honor. By following the vision God gave Rev. Neal, the church was able to pay off the E.L. Sullivan Fellowship Hall two and half years early.

The story of Greater Peace Baptist Church is telling of the dedication and perseverance of a faithful congregation of people who put all their love and trust in the Lord. What began as a small group of people worshipping 75 years ago has grown into an expansive and successful church that has overcome fire and other hardships.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the membership of Greater Peace Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia for their long history of coming together through the good and difficult times to praise and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and for serving the community through Him.

HONORING A NEW THING MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, A New Thing Ministries International, Inc., has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our county for the past twenty years; and

Whereas, The Reverend Dr. Normal Phillips, Pastor and Organizer and the members of A New Thing Ministries International, Inc., today continues to uplift and inspire those in our community; and

Whereas, A New Thing Ministries International, Inc., has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our District; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Parachurch of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past twenty (20) years by preaching the gospel, teaching the gospel and living the gospel; and

Whereas, A New Thing Ministries International, Inc., has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their members, but with DeKalb County their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize A New Thing Ministries International, Inc., for their leadership and service to our District on this the 20th anniversary of their founding; Now therefore, I,

HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 13, 2014 as A New Thing Ministries International Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of April, 2014.

RECOGNIZING THE UNITED STATES ARMY YUMA PROVING GROUND AND ITS COMMANDER, COLONEL REED F. YOUNG, PH.D.

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground and its Commander, Colonel Reed F. Young, Ph.D.

The U.S. Army's presence in Yuma dates back to 1850, when Fort Yuma was constructed on a hill overlooking the Yuma crossing of the Colorado River. Soldiers at Fort Yuma maintained peace with the local Indians and protected the important Yuma crossing. That fort operated until 1883.

In 1865, a second facility known as the Yuma Quartermaster Depot was constructed in order to supply Army posts throughout Arizona and western New Mexico. That depot was also closed in 1883, and the Army would not return to Yuma on a permanent basis until the Second World War.

Beginning in 1943, the area was host to various bases, depots, and training grounds. In 1950, the mission of the facility changed drastically to become the nation's premier artillery testing site, hosting the longest overland artillery range in the country. The installation was renamed Yuma Proving Ground in 1963 during the reorganization of the Army. The Yuma Proving Ground has since been home to tests of long-range weaponry, the Apache Helicopter, M-1 Abrams tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles, rockets, mortars, parachute and air-drop technologies, global positioning systems (GPS), and even automobiles. The Yuma Proving Ground contributes directly to both America's national defense and its national economy.

I must also thank and congratulate Colonel Reed Young, the Commander of the Yuma Proving Ground. He assumed command in May 2011. He leads over 2,700 military, civilian, and contractor personnel. Colonel Young is responsible for research and development of highly-advanced technologies valuable to the military, many of which also have civilian applications.

Before taking command of the Yuma Proving Ground, Colonel Young served as a Program Manager and Chief of the Technology Integration and Outreach Division for the U.S. Army Research Office in Durham, NC. He is also a member of the Arizona State Council on the Education for Military Children that helps remove barriers for children of military families. He is always quite courteous to my staff and me each time we visit, taking time out of his day to interact with us. His service to our country is exemplary.

On behalf of the State of Arizona, I want to recognize the Yuma Proving Ground for its rich history, and I want to thank Colonel Young for his hospitality and dedication to this nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, due to responsibilities within my district I would like to submit how I intended to vote on the following:

Tuesday May 6—"yes" on rollcall 194; "yes" on rollcall 195; "yes" on rollcall 196.

Thursday, May 8—"yes" on rollcall 205; "yes" on rollcall 206; "yes" on rollcall 207; "no" on rollcall 208; "yes" on rollcall 209.

Friday, May 9—"no" on rollcall 210; "yes" on rollcall 211; "no" on rollcall 212; "no" on rollcall 213; "no" on rollcall 214; "no" on rollcall 215; "no" on rollcall 216; "yes" on rollcall 217.

**HONORING THE TECHNOLOGY AND
MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATION
FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO
TRAINING AND EDUCATION IN
THE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING
INDUSTRY IN ILLINOIS'S
TENTH DISTRICT**

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Technology and Manufacturing Association (TMA) for its outstanding commitment to training and education in the advanced manufacturing industry in the district I represent and across the country.

Since 1925, the TMA Training & Education program has served as a valued source of employee learning and development for member companies. TMA training has experienced a significant resurgence.

Its Related Theory Apprentice Training program has been assisting member companies in training their apprentices for more than 70 years, and is one of the largest, most recognized precision metalworking apprenticeship programs in the United States.

Remarkably, enrollment in this program has more than quadrupled in the last three years. TMA has also expanded its curriculum to include the latest advancements and, for the first time since 1925, incorporates hands-on training.

The Fred W. Buhrke Training Center in Arlington Heights trains in the programming, set-up and operation of new, state-of-the-art computer numerical control (CNC) machines. More than 100 students have completed CNC training with TMA and can now earn nationally-recognized, stackable credentials.

TMA continues to partner with local organizations to expand training and work hand-in-hand to help bridge our skills gap and ensure our future success in advanced manufacturing.

I personally thank TMA for all it does to support advanced manufacturing and to expand economic opportunities throughout our communities and in the Tenth District.

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR JOSEPH WILLIAMS, SR.

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Pastor Joseph Williams, Sr., is celebrating today thirty-two (32) years as Pastor of Greater Moses Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Pastor Williams, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Greater Moses Baptist Church, as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Pastor Williams is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our District and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Pastor Joseph Williams as he celebrates his thirty second Pastoral Anniversary at Greater Moses Baptist Church;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 13, 2014 as Pastor Joseph Williams, Sr. Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of April, 2014.

**RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF CAMP PINCHOT NATIONAL
HISTORIC DISTRICT IN
NORTHWEST FLORIDA**

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Camp Pinchot National Historic District located in Northwest Florida.

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in October 1998, Camp Pinchot is nestled in the Choctawhatchee National Forest, near Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, along the west bank of Garnier's Bayou. One of the first national forests and designated as one of President Theodore Roosevelt's original eleven Forest Service Headquarters in 1908, Choctawhatchee National Forest aided in the area's regional development and the establishment of the Camp, nearly six years later. In its earlier years, the forest served as a means for timber and wood turpentine. During this period, hundreds of miles of county and state roads were also built to help service the area, while maintaining the natural beauty of the forest, which was a fundamental goal of Gifford Pinchot, the first Chief of the United States Forest Service and namesake of Camp Pinchot.

During the Great Depression, Camp Pinchot and the Choctawhatchee National Forest

stood as a location for work relief for the Civilian Conservation Corps. In 1940, the national forest was ceded to the War Department to be used for a proving ground for aircraft armament. Major General William E. Kepner, who served as the Commanding General of the Air Proving Ground, helped preserve the site of Camp Pinchot, and today it is home to Eglin Air Force Base Commander's quarters.

Mr. Speaker, surrounded by live oaks draped with Spanish moss, Camp Pinchot to this day maintains the turn of the century spirit of a quiet and simple life, and I am honored to commemorate its one hundred years of existence.

**HONORING FRANKLIN "FRANKIE"
DELANO LAX II**

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, Mr. Franklin Lax, on being selected as the 2014 Buford Pusser National Law Enforcement Award winner. This public recognition is well deserved and represents Mr. Lax's lifetime commitment to all areas of law enforcement throughout West Tennessee.

After graduating from Jackson's Southside High School and Jackson State Community College, Mr. Lax began his law enforcement career as a patrolman for the City of Medina and then Deputy Sheriff for Henderson County. In 1992, Mr. Lax joined in his family's security business, Maxxguard Incorporated, as Vice President, and upon the death of his father, as President in 2005.

Throughout nearly two decades with the company, Mr. Lax has expanded Maxxguard from family and business security to include other areas of expertise like private investigations and handgun safety instruction. While serving on numerous State boards and commissions, Mr. Lax was also appointed to the Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission by Governor Bill Haslam in 2011. The POST Commission is responsible for developing and enforcing standards and training for all police officers. Following in his beloved father's footsteps, Mr. Lax was elected as a Constable for Madison County, Tennessee in 2002 and continues to serve the citizens in that capacity to this day.

The Buford Pusser National Law Enforcement Award is given yearly to deserving individuals who have demonstrated leadership and dedication in law enforcement.

On behalf of Tennessee's 8th Congressional District, I congratulate Mr. Lax on being selected as the 2014 Buford Pusser National Law Enforcement Award recipient. I wish him the best of luck for all future endeavors.

**RECOGNIZING CHIEF LOUIS
DIRKER FOR 40 YEARS OF SERV-
ICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT**

HON. DAVID P. JOYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. JOYCE. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Stow Police Chief Louis Dirker on his

retirement following 40 years of service in Ohio law enforcement.

Chief Dirker is an outstanding leader, father, and public servant who dedicated himself to serving the people of Northeast Ohio as well as our nation. Prior to his career in law enforcement, he served as a First Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

In 1974, Chief Dirker started with the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department, retiring as chief in 2001. He then served for two years as deputy director of safety and security for Cleveland Municipal Schools before he was hired in February 2003 as chief of police for the City of Stow.

In addition to earning his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Akron, Chief Dirker graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2000. He was named a certified law enforcement executive by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police in 2006 and has served as board president for Metro SWAT since 2005.

As an instructor at the University of Akron and Kent State University, Chief Dirker has shown a dedication to training the next generation of law enforcement leaders.

Chief and Mrs. Dirker have six children, several of whom have also pursued their own careers in law enforcement. Chief Dirker remains an active member of Rotary, Fraternal Order of Police, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 14th District of Ohio, I congratulate Chief Dirker on his well-deserved retirement and thank him for his lifelong service to Northeast Ohio and our nation.

TRIBUTE TO TRACIE A. MCCALED

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Mrs. Tracie A. McCalep has answered that call by giving of herself as a paraprofessional at Dunaire Elementary School, and as a beloved wife, daughter and friend; and

Whereas, Mrs. McCalep has been chosen as the 2014 Educational Support Professional of the Year, representing Dunaire Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, unyielding support and words of encouragement; and

Whereas, Mrs. McCalep is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared her vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children receive the support and education that is relevant not only for today, but well into the future, as she truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this

day to honor and recognize Mrs. Tracie A. McCalep for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2014 Educational Support Professional of the Year at Dunaire Elementary School; Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim April 2, 2014 as Mrs. Tracie A. McCalep Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 2nd day of April, 2014.

TRIBUTE TO MITCH TYLER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mitch Tyler of Exceptional Persons, Inc. for being selected as Iowa's 2014 recipient of the Direct Support Professional of the Year Award by the American Network of Community Options and Resources.

Since its founding in 1970, the American Network of Community Options and Resources supports over 500,000 people with intellectual, developmental and other significant disabilities in the community through a national association of 700 private providers. ANCOR developed the Direct Support Professional Recognition Awards in 2007 to recognize devoted professionals who go above and beyond to positively change the lives of the people they serve. There is no doubt that these direct support professionals are critical to providing consistently excellent community support and services. Mitch's remarkable efforts are a testament to the life-changing work being done by Direct Support Professionals all across Iowa and our nation as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent community leaders like Mitch in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Tyler for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. Mitch's commitment to a cause greater than himself embodies the values and work ethic our state is renowned for. I know my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating Mr. Tyler for receiving this prestigious award and thanking him for his invaluable efforts. I wish him the best of luck as he continues his award-winning career.

REMEMBERING THE HON. MICK STATON

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember former Congressman Mick Staton, fellow member of the freshman class of 1980 and a respected political, business and community leader in West Virginia. Mick passed away last month at the age of 74.

Mick was born and raised in Parkersburg, West Virginia and graduated from Parkersburg High School in 1958. He then attended Concord College in Athens, West Virginia, and

played on the 1962 conference championship football team. Mick married his wife Lynn, herself a 1960 graduate of Parkersburg High School, and have two children and five grandchildren.

Mick was Vice President for Data Processing for One Valley Bank (now BB&T), which was at the time, the largest bank in West Virginia, before first running for Congress in 1978, opposing 20-year incumbent John Slack (D-WV). In the race, Mick garnered 41 percent of the vote. In January 1980, Congressman Slack died in office and a special election was held. Although he did not win the special election, Mick went on to win the seat in the general election.

In Congress, Staton had a reputation of service to his constituents in what is now the 2nd District of West Virginia. He served on the Small Business Committee and Interior & Insular Affairs Committee, now known as the Natural Resources Committee.

After leaving Congress in 1983, Staton served as chief political advisor to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and was National Executive Director of the Chamber's political action committee. In 1992, he founded and served as president of Capitol Link, Inc., a government affairs consulting firm.

Most recently, Mick served as County Chairman of the Berkeley County GOP Executive Committee, from 2007 through December 2012. In recognition of his lifelong service, this March the West Virginia State Republican Executive Committee unanimously passed a resolution naming Mick an Emeritus Member.

I submit the following article from West Virginia MetroNews on former Congressman Staton.

[From WV MetroNews, Apr. 20, 2014]

MICK STATON TO BE REMEMBERED MONDAY

(By Jeff Jenkins)

WINCHESTER, VA.—The life and service of former West Virginia Third District Congressman Mick Staton will be remembered in a memorial service set for Monday afternoon in Winchester, Virginia. The 74-year-old Staton died last week.

"Certainly anyone who was elected 30 years ago as a Republican in West Virginia showed a lot of tenacity, a lot of strength and was a trailblazer for our movement and set the stage for the successes we are having right now," West Virginia Republican Party Chairman Conrad Lucas said.

Staton, a Parkersburg native, lived in South Charleston when he defeated John Hutchinson in the 1980 election for what was then West Virginia's Third District seat. Hutchinson had beaten Staton in a special election earlier that year to fill the seat in the interim following the death of 11-term congressman John Slack. Staton served just one term. He lost to Democrat Bob Wise in 1982.

"Mick certainly set the stage for ultimate Republican successes and went on always to be a dedicated member of the party," Lucas said. "He may have lost his congressional seat but he still stayed very active in the internal aspects of the party."

Lucas said he was pleased Staton attended a GOP meeting earlier this year where he was given emeritus status.

"I was happy he could make the ceremony so we could honor his service, his long service, and very dedicated service to the Republican Party and people of West Virginia," he said.

The memorial service is scheduled for Monday at 1 p.m. at Braddock Street United Methodist Church in Winchester, Virginia.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM J. RISSEL ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM FORT KNOX FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of William (Bill) J. Rissel. After 23 years of serving as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Fort Knox Federal Credit Union, Bill will retire on July 1, 2014.

During a recent interview with The News-Enterprise, Bill said he tried to build a family environment at the credit union during his tenure. He has absolutely accomplished that goal, while growing the credit union and all those who it serves. According to The News-Enterprise, those numbers add up to \$1.2 billion in assets, serving more than 80,000 members.

Bill's departure will be felt beyond the credit union's four branches of Hardin County that he expanded upon. It is because of his expertise and aspirations that the credit union serves all of central Kentucky. But it is because of that same leadership and knowledge that the credit union will be in good hands following his departure.

I am grateful for Bill's hard work and vision, and would like to wish him well in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote No. 205, the Rule (H. Res. 576) providing for consideration of the "Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act" (H.R. 10). Had I been present, I would have voted "no".

TRIBUTE TO STELLA "MOTHER" SANFORD

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. citizen of distinction.

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman, Ms. Stella "Mother" Sanford, who gave of herself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, her dedicated service is present in DeKalb County, Georgia for all to see, where she was an unwavering advocate for youth, the elderly, the poor and the Civil Rights Community across the Nation; and

Whereas, this remarkable, positive woman with the beautiful smile gave of herself, her time and her talent; never asking for fame or fortune but only to uplift those in need; and

Whereas, she led by example from behind the scenes, as well as front and center for the

state of Georgia, DeKalb County, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Center for Disease Control, the 4th Congressional District of Georgia U.S. Service Academies Board, the DeKalb NAACP, Communities of America, Inc., her beloved Flat Rock community and her beloved Sanford family; and

Whereas, this virtuous Proverbs 31 woman was a mother, a grandmother, a great grandmother, a daughter, a friend, a warrior, a matriarch, and a woman of great integrity; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional recognition on Ms. Stella "Mother" Sanford for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens in Georgia and throughout the Nation; Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Ms. Stella "Mother" Sanford of DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor"—Ms. Stella "Mother" Sanford, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 12th day of May, 2014.

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF'S DEPUTY CHAD R. KOWALCZYK FOR HIS BRAVERY AND SELFLESSNESS IN THE LINE OF DUTY

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Taylor County Deputy Sheriff Chad R. Kowalczyk for his bravery, selflessness, and quick thinking in the line of duty while responding to a call on September 8, 2013.

Deputy Kowalczyk responded to a report of a violation of a court ordered injunction. Upon arriving to the scene, the suspect fired on deputy Kowalczyk.

When the suspect began firing shots at deputy Kowalczyk, he retreated to a position of cover and attempted to warn the responding officers of the situation. Unable to make radio contact, deputy Kowalczyk decided to leave his position of cover to get to his squad car, knowingly putting his life in jeopardy.

When deputy Kowalczyk broke cover, he was struck by a round in his left abdomen.

Deputy Kowalczyk made it to his vehicle and radioed the other officers alerting them of the situation. When they arrived at the scene, they found deputy Kowalczyk taking up a tactical position, despite his serious injuries.

Mr. Speaker, deputy Kowalczyk may not agree with me, but he is a hero. His quick thinking and selflessness protected his fellow officers and the community. Please join me in thanking Deputy Kowalczyk once again for his bravery, selflessness, and quick thinking in the line of duty.

CONGRATULATING SHRI NARENDRA MODI ON HIS RECORD-BREAKING VICTORY AS INDIA'S NEW PRIME MINISTER

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate India's next Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his resounding and historic victory. The Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) victory on May 16, 2014 is the first time after Independence that a non-Congress party has got absolute majority on its own, and Narendra Modi is the reason why.

His victory is India's victory and, while history will remember India's 2014 elections as unprecedented, I will remember the 2014 elections as a triumph. The people of India have triumphed, and I join with them in this momentous celebration of new development for all.

As a token of friendship and in commemoration of the fulfillment of his destiny to lift up the masses, assure social justice, and bring new hope for any and all who, like him, step forward and transform challenges into opportunities by sheer strength of character and courage, a flag was flown over the United States Capitol at my request in honor of him on April 7, 2014, to mark victory's dawn. I pay tribute to Shri Modi for his clarion call for change, to save a nation from ruin. I applaud his leadership and recognize his victory—the people's victory—in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD becomes part of U.S. history and I firmly believe Shri Narendra Modi should be included not only in the annals of India's history but U.S. history, too, because he was elected with a resounding victory despite the United States using every recourse it could to disrupt his destiny.

The U.S.-India partnership should be, could be, one of the most defining of the 21st century. But, I am disappointed that the United States failed to develop a strong friendship and comprehensive partnership with Shri Narendra Modi when it mattered most. U.S.-India relations matter strategically, politically, and economically. And even if they didn't matter, the United States should be a fair and honest broker about human rights. Regrettably, in the case of India, the United States missed the mark by responding one way to the 2002 Gujarat riots, another way to the Godhra train burning which led up to the riots, and still another way to the largest ethnic cleansing since the partition of India in which between 300,000 to 500,000 Kashmiri Hindus since 1990 have migrated due to persecution.

Nonetheless, despite the United States getting it wrong with India, Shri Narendra Modi is looking ahead. He is dedicated. He is determined. He is dynamic. He is different. He is the leader of the world's largest democracy. And he is the key player for improved relations between the U.S. and India. As Shri Narendra Modi assumes his mantle as India's next Prime Minister, I have every confidence he will cut across caste, creed and religion and bring alive the dreams of over a billion Indians, and a world that needs his leadership.

As he promised, "Good days are coming." And so, they are. I have personally met with Shri Modi as far back as 2010 and I know him

to be a sincere man who stands against corruption and for inclusive growth and development. Shri Modi is a man of vision and he, together with each and every citizen of India, will create something special—an India that will assume its destined role.

Without a doubt, Prime Minister Modi will usher in India's new era. He will make the 21st century India's century. This is his destiny. And so, once more, I congratulate Shri Narendra Modi on his path-breaking campaign, and I praise BJP Party President Rajnath Singh for working shoulder-to-shoulder with Shri Modi to ensure that the spirit of democracy has triumphed. I also commend Mr. Sanjay Puri, Founder and President of USINPAC, for championing the cause and work of Shri Narendra Modi early on in the U.S. Congress when India's next Prime Minister was Chief Minister of Gujarat.

Above all, I praise Prime Minister Modi's parents who gave rise to him, especially his mother whose blessings he sought. From his beginnings as a son of a tea seller to a landslide and ground-breaking victor, I wish Shri Modi godspeed on his poetic journey forward as India's next Prime Minister.

HONORING THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF ROLLA, MISSOURI

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Optimist Club of Rolla, Missouri. The Optimist Club was founded in April of 1964, and recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

The Optimist Club is a non-profit service club that is dedicated to providing free programs to the youth of Rolla community. The Optimist Club's tagline is simply, "Friend of Youth" and they certainly have been fulfilling this tagline. Through their youth sports and academic programs, and scholarship funds the Optimist Club continues to impact the lives of thousands of children every year.

Over the past fifty years, the Optimist Club has undoubtedly made Rolla a better place for families I would like to thank the Club's volunteers for all of their hard work and dedication to our children by believing in them and empowering them to pursue their interests. It is my pleasure to recognize their efforts and achievements before the House of Representatives and I look forward to another fifty years of success.

HONORING PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, our Nation has many citizens that work to make America a worthy instrument for good; and

Whereas, Public servants on the federal, state, county and local municipalities level,

keeps America moving; each individual being charged to bring community service, honor and excellence in government, education, health, public safety and military service; and

Whereas, these Public servants are promoting and providing the concept of One Community-One Goal by working with and for individuals in all walks of life to make our Nation a place where the needs of the people are met; and

Whereas, these Public servants give of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to serve our community and our nation by providing leadership and service; and

Whereas, the lives of many in our district are touched by the leadership and service given by these unsung heroes; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the millions of public employees for their outstanding service to America; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim the week of May 4 through May 10, 2014 as Public Service Recognition Week in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 4th day of May, 2014

ARKANSAS'S THIRD DISTRICT TAKES LEAD ROLE IN GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH 2014

HON. STEVE WOMACK

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, every year in June, America celebrates outdoor recreation during National Great Outdoors Month. Arkansas has proclaimed June to be Great Outdoors Month every year since 2008. This year is no exception, and I am pleased that the Third District played a leading role in the celebrations by hosting the 2014 kickoff campout at Pea Ridge National Military Park on the 16th and 17th of May.

Arkansas, known as the Natural State, is the perfect place to have kicked-off National Great Outdoors Month; we boast more than three million acres of federal lands—and many more of state and local lands—open for public enjoyment. This network of state parks and federal lands is great for swimming and fishing, hiking and biking, climbing and hunting, paddling and boating, and more.

As summer draws near, so do the sounds of outdoor recreation. As the weather grows warmer and the days grow longer, more than 730,000 citizens of northwest and north central Arkansas will take to our fields and forests, skies and waterways to enjoy clean, healthy outdoor fun. It began at the Pea Ridge National Military Park campout—which engaged our youngest generation in the preservation of our outdoors for the enjoyment and recreation of our citizens—and will end with the entire national following in the footsteps of Arkansas's Third District and supporting America's Great Outdoors.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,471,572,575,280.71. We've added \$6,844,695,526,367.70 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO METRO WASTE AUTHORITY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Metro Waste Authority of Des Moines, Iowa for being named a 2014 Recycling Awards winner by the American Forest and Paper Association.

The coveted Recycling Awards from the American Forest and Paper Association recognize new and innovative programs that increase the amount of paper recovered for recycling across America. In April of 2014, Metro Waste Authority was announced as the community winner in the partnership category.

For decades, Metro Waste Authority has been the primary source of recycling education in the Des Moines Metro Area. Their curbside recycling program "Curb It!" was first unveiled to 20 communities in Polk County in 1994 and now services nearly 145,000 households. Since then, Metro Waste Authority has come to manage seven recycling and drop-off sites in the area and have developed a community outreach campaign to significantly increase the amount of mixed paper recovered for recycling.

Mr. Speaker, the great work done every day by the men and women of the Metro Waste Authority provides a crucial service to our communities and our environment. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Metro Waste Authority for receiving this prestigious award and thanking them for their invaluable efforts. It is an honor to represent the people who comprise this leading organization in the United States Congress, and I look forward to many more years of Metro Waste Authority's innovative and positive impact in Iowa.

TRIBUTE TO COMMAND SGT. MAJOR GLENN B. ASHLEY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to sacrifice for our country through military service; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Glenn B. Ashley served in the United States Army, during the Occupation of Germany in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, he received numerous Military Citations such as the Purple Heart which was awarded to him in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Ashley has shared his time and talents as a family man, serviceman and mentor, giving the citizens of the United States a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all advancing the lives of others, through service to our country in the U.S. Army and being the ideal husband, father, brother and son; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Ashley is a remarkable and courageous man who gave of himself, in defense of this nation; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Ashley along with his family and friends are celebrating this day a remarkable milestone, his 85th Birthday, we pause to acknowledge a man who is a cornerstone in our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Command SGT. Major Ashley on his birthday and to wish him well and recognize him for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 4, 2014 as Command SGT. Major Glenn B. Ashley Day in Georgia's 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 4th day of May, 2014.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
HONORABLE CAROLYN HUGLEY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding public servant and dear friend to my wife, Vivian and me, Georgia State Representative Carolyn Hugley. Representative Hugley was honored for her distinguished service at the Columbus Community Center Annual Fundraising Dinner on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center in Columbus, Georgia.

Representative Hugley was born in Forrest City, Arkansas to Mr. and Mrs. Walker Fleming, Jr. She earned a degree in Political Science from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and a Master's in Public Policy and Administration from Mississippi State University.

Rep. Hugley was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1992 to represent District 136, which is located within the Second Congressional District of Georgia in Columbus and Muscogee County. She has been continuously re-elected and is currently serving her twelfth term. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to work closely with Rep. Hugley over the years and we have become great friends.

During her tenure, Rep. Hugley has built a repertoire of legislative accomplishments. She

currently serves as the Democratic Caucus (Minority) Whip. She is a member of the Ethics Committee, Rules Committee, Appropriations-Health Subcommittee and the Insurance Committee. She is also a member of the Women's Legislative Caucus and the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus.

Rep. Hugley loves her community dearly, and in addition to representing it in the state legislature, she is actively involved within it. She is a member of Franchise Missionary Baptist Church, where she serves as chair of the Hostess Committee and on the Deacon's Wives board. She is also a member of the Lower Chattahoochee Area Workforce Investment Board; Board of Directors of SISTERS, Inc.; Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc., Gamma Tau Omega Chapter; and the Columbus Chapter of The Links, Inc.

Rep. Hugley is a strong advocate for children and family issues both in the Georgia General Assembly and in the Columbus community. She has been recognized for her fine leadership numerous times and has received many awards and accolades for her work in public service.

Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm once said that, "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Rep. Hugley has paid her rent many times over and still continues to give a prodigious amount of love and service back to her community.

Rep. Hugley has accomplished many things in her life but none of this would have been possible without the enduring love and support of her husband, Columbus City Manager, Isaiah Hugley; their two children, Kimberly and Isaiah, Jr.; two adopted children, Jaaliyah and Zajaqi; and two grandchildren, Kandyce and Adam.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and my wife, Vivian, in honoring Georgia State Representative Carolyn Hugley for her dedicated service and exemplary leadership in the Columbus, Georgia community, the State of Georgia, and our country.

RECOGNIZING HEATHER BLANEY

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Heather Blaney, a sophomore at Westmont High School in my district. Heather is organizing a human trafficking panel at her school on May 14, 2014.

Human trafficking, also called modern-day slavery, is a major worldwide problem that the Polaris Projects, a leading anti-trafficking group, defines as "people [profiting] from the control and exploitation of others." It takes many forms, including forced sexual exploitation and forced labor. The hidden nature of the crime makes it difficult to get an accurate sense of its scope, but according to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, there are more than 20 million victims worldwide in this \$32 billion-a-year industry.

Heather is completing an assignment in her "Changemakers" class, where she researched the issue and talked with local law enforcement and health workers. The forum she organized will feature numerous speakers, includ-

ing the FBI, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Salvation Army, and other local groups who are active in the fight against human trafficking.

The Chicagoland area's position as a popular tourist and convention destination with one of the busiest international airports in the world unfortunately makes it a hub for human trafficking as well. Heather's forum will go a long way toward bringing much-needed awareness to the community about the evils of human trafficking.

Mr. Speaker, and my distinguished colleagues of the House, please join me in thanking Heather Blaney for taking the initiative to make her community better and help those in need and congratulating her for her hard work in organizing this important human trafficking forum at her high school.

NORTH CAROLINA TROOPERS ASSOCIATION AND HIGHWAY PATROL CAISSON UNIT

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the North Carolina Troopers Association and North Carolina State Highway Patrol Caisson Unit for their dedicated service to North Carolina. The Caisson Unit supports families in a time of need by honoring those who have bravely served our nation.

Established during the Civil War, Caisson Units across the country are called upon to transport funeral caskets of those fallen service men and women, most famously at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C.

Since 2006, North Carolina's Caisson Unit has been called to honor not only fallen military servicemen, but also emergency personnel, North Carolina Governors, and other elected officials of the state. Owned and supported by the North Carolina Troopers Association and the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, the unit is not reliant on state or federal funds, but donations from the community. Often times the unit has been activated with less than 24-hours' notice to fulfill their duties, even helping to serve surrounding states.

Recently, the Caisson Unit honored U.S. Forest Service Officer Jason Crisp, who was killed in the line of duty in Burke County. The unit's service to Officer Crisp is just one example of the many times it has helped to honor the lives of those who have served North Carolina.

The North Carolina Troopers Association and Highway Patrol Caisson Unit's commitment to excellence and service to the community should be commended. It is my honor to recognize the North Carolina Highway Patrol Caisson Unit.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, May 9, 2014, I was at home in Wisconsin taking care

of my amazing wife and our new baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following ways:

(1) H.R. 1726—To award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers—"yea."

(2) H.R. 2203—To provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy—"yea."

(3) H.R. 2939—A bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres—"yea."

(4) H.R. 3658—Monuments Men Recognition Act of 2013—"yea."

(5) H.R. 1209—To award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo—"yea."

(6) S. 309—A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol—"yea."

(7) H.R. 685—American Fighter Aces Congressional Gold Medal Act—"yea."

(8) H.R. 4628—To amend title 23, the United States Code, with respect to United States Route 78 in Mississippi, and for other purposes—"yea."

TRIBUTE TO SIENNA E.
SCHAEFFER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Sienna Schaeffer of Grimes, Iowa, for being named a Presidential Scholar by the 2014 United States Presidential Scholars Program. Being counted among this esteemed program is one of America's highest honors for high school students.

Originally created by Executive Order in 1964, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program has honored our nation's best and brightest high school seniors for academic distinction, artistic excellence, and civic engagement. This year, Sienna will be honored with 140 other Presidential Scholars from across the country for their exceptional efforts. Each of these future leaders were chosen from more than 3,000 applicants based on outstanding college entrance exams, school transcripts, leadership activities, and contributions to their community. These young men and women truly represent the best of the American education system and remind us all of the promise and potential held by our nation's youth.

Since 1983, each U.S. Presidential Scholar has also been asked to choose one exceptional teacher to recognize. For her selection, Ms. Schaeffer chose Dallas Center-Grimes High School Chemistry and Environmental Science teacher Josh Mangler. Both Sienna and Mr. Mangler will receive congratulatory letters from United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan for their outstanding work.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent future leaders like Ms. Schaeffer from the great state of Iowa in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Sienna for her dedication, and thanking her supportive family,

Mr. Mangler, and all of the teachers and role models in Ms. Schaeffer's life who have played a critical role in her remarkable accomplishment. I wish Sienna the best of luck in her future education and career as she continues to utilize her gifts and Iowa-bred work ethic to positively impact our state and nation.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE MARRIAGE
OF MS. MEGAN MAUREEN
KORCZYNSKI TO MR. KEVIN
PAUL GOW, JR.

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the upcoming nuptials of Ms. Megan Maureen Korczynski to Kevin Paul Gow, Jr., on May 24, 2014. Ms. Korczynski and her family have been lifetime residents and volunteers in the Chicago area and it is my pleasure to acknowledge such a joyous occasion.

Ms. Korczynski and Mr. Gow have both enjoyed their time living and studying in Chicago and are ready to start a new chapter in their lives together. Ms. Korczynski is the daughter of Mrs. Diane Korczynski, a seasoned elementary education teacher, and Mr. Edwin Korczynski, a Major United States Air Force Auxiliary, Civilian Air Patrol. Both of whom have worked hard to instill the qualities of great character, competence, vision and drive into their daughter throughout her life. They are extremely proud of the woman she has become and could not be happier for her upcoming marriage. Mr. Gow, Jr., is the son of Kevin Gow, Sr., a former U.S. Marine Captain, and the late Mrs. Gow. Both of whom can take great pride in the admirable man he has become today.

On May 24, 2014, both Megan Korczynski and Kevin Paul Gow, Jr., will partake in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. On that merry day the couple will be surrounded by their family and friends who will help them celebrate with their love and support. I would like to extend my best wishes to the happy couple. This is truly a momentous event in their lives, and as they celebrate their wedding, I wish them great happiness and joy for many years to come.

HONORING DENISHA L. SOLOMON

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Ms. Denisha L. Solomon has answered that call by giving of herself as an educator at Dunaire Elementary School, and as a beloved daughter, sister and friend; and

Whereas, Ms. Solomon has been chosen as the 2014 Teacher of the Year, representing Dunaire Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, motivational speeches and words of wisdom; and

Whereas, Ms. Solomon is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared her vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children receive an education that is relevant not only for today, but well into the future, as she truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Denisha L. Solomon for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2014 Teacher of the Year at Dunaire Elementary School; Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim April 2, 2014 as Ms. Denisha L. Solomon Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 2nd day of April, 2014.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 60TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF BROWN V. BOARD
OF EDUCATION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, May 17, 2014 marked the sixtieth anniversary of the landmark United States Supreme Court ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

As Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote in his unanimous decision, "In the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal." The *Brown* ruling declared that state laws establishing separate public schools for black and white students were unconstitutional under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Although initially met with resistance, *Brown v. Board of Education* provided an impetus to education reform, paved the way for integration, and proved an integral part of the American Civil Rights Movement.

As we commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of this case, we celebrate the achievements that have been made in our country's classrooms to ensure that all students—regardless of color—receive a quality education. We still have a long way to go, however, to ensure that the promise of *Brown* is fully realized. Many school districts today have not fully desegregated. In addition, many students—particularly those who are minorities and come from low-income families—lack access to advanced placement classes; the latest education technology; safe learning environments; extracurricular activities; and clean, well-functioning classrooms. As we commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of *Brown*, it is vital that we take stock of its legacy and do all that we can to ensure that our children have equal opportunities to succeed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding the achievements that have come to fruition over the past six decades in the American classroom since *Brown v. Board of Education*. Let us work together to fully realize its promise and create a more perfect Union.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REBOZO FESTIVAL

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Rebozo Festival of Ventura County, an annual event which celebrates the cultural diversity of our region, promotes communal pride and encourages philanthropic and educational endeavors.

The first Rebozo Festival took place in 2005 when Las Madrinas (the Godmothers), a small group of community volunteers, organized and established the event with the intent of raising funds for local organizations while celebrating the rich heritage of the Latino community by highlighting the colorful Mexican rebozo (shawl) as the symbol and theme of the event.

Over the years, this event has attracted hundreds of local residents and out-of-state visitors who enjoy the liveliness of this cultural celebration, and above all help contribute to local commendable organizations.

The Rebozo Festival's underlying purpose is a philanthropic one. For ten years now, the Rebozo Festival has been able to raise thousands of dollars each year for numerous worthy non-profit organizations focusing on the cultural, social and educational needs of the region. Past recipients of these funds include the Heart 2 Heart Program, United Farm Workers Freeze Relief Fund, the Oxnard College Women's Re-entry Program and Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE). This year's proceeds will benefit Future Leaders of America—Ventura County, an organization that works with our public schools to promote youth empowerment and leadership. Through the selfless dedication and work of the event's organizers, the Rebozo Festival has been able to raise and contribute over \$185,000 to the Ventura County community.

For over a decade, the Rebozo Festival has promoted and celebrated the richness and diversity of the Mexican culture and heritage in Ventura County. It is with great enthusiasm that I offer Las Madrinas my sincere congratulations and I am pleased to join them in celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Rebozo Festival.

HONORING JUDGE L. CLIFFORD DAVIS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Judge L. Clifford Davis. After 65 years of service, Judge Davis was awarded the Blackstone Award by the Tarrant County Bar Association. The Blackstone Award is given to distinguished individuals who have demonstrated unwavering integrity and courage during their careers.

Judge Davis has a rich history of demonstrable courage as a lawyer. Judge Davis became licensed in Texas in 1953 and eventually moved to Fort Worth where he led the

charge on desegregating the Mansfield and Fort Worth Independent School Districts. Today, the Mansfield and Fort Worth Independent School Districts rank among some of the top public school districts in Texas. In 1983, Judge Davis was elected one of the first African-American state district judges in Tarrant County.

Judge Davis was recognized by the NAACP, inducted into the National Bar Association Hall of Fame, and was awarded the Silver Gavel Award by the Tarrant County Bar Association. Judge Davis is also widely recognized by his peers and his neighbors for strengthening the integrity of our judicial system.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Davis has dedicated his life to empowering individuals who would otherwise be without a voice. Judge Davis had a direct hand in the fight for equal justice during the Civil Rights movement, and has contributed greatly toward improving the legal and public school systems in Texas. We are grateful for Judge Davis' service to our country and courage in the face of adversity and I am proud to recognize Judge Davis.

COMMENDING AMERICAN CHRISTIAN LEADERS FOR STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH CHRISTIANS AND OTHER SMALL RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN EGYPT, IRAQ AND SYRIA

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize over 200 individuals who signed a Pledge of Solidarity and Call to Action on Behalf of Christians and Other Small Religious Communities in Egypt, Iraq and Syria. I was honored to co-host a press conference earlier this month with my colleague Representative ANNA ESHOO. Together, we co-chair the Religious Minorities in the Middle East Caucus.

The group of signatories to the Pledge represents the diversity of American Christianity, with individuals hailing not only from the Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox traditions but also a variety of sectors: thought leaders, clergy, parachurch heads and university and seminary presidents, among others. They have recognized that unless the American church begins to champion this cause, the foreign policy establishment will hardly lead the way.

I regularly meet with beleaguered Christians from this part of the world. Their stories are eerily similar: believers kidnapped for ransom; churches—some full of worshippers—attacked; clergy targeted for killing. In the face of this violence, Christians are leaving this region in droves. The resounding theme that emerges is quite simply a plea for solidarity, and an appeal for help. Where is the West, they wonder? With the release of this Call to Action, I am heartened to say, that these cries have been heard.

The following individuals spoke at the press conference:

Leith Anderson, Chair, National Association of Evangelicals; His Eminence, Cardinal Donald Wuerl; Archbishop Oshagan Cholyan, Armenian Apostolic Church of America; Jim

Liske, President and CEO, Prison Fellowship Ministries; Canon Andrew White, Chaplain of St George Anglican Church, Baghdad; His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America; Pastor Jerry Johnson, President and CEO, National Religious Broadcasters; Nina Shea, Director and Senior Scholar, Hudson Institute Center for Religious Freedom; George Marlin, Chair, Aid to the Church in Need-USA; Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou, Visiting Associate Prof. of Conflict Resolution, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University; Johnny Moore, Senior Vice President, Liberty University; Barrett Duke, Vice President for Public Policy and Research Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission; and Joseph Kassab, Founder and President, Iraqi Christians Advocacy and Empowerment; Institute (reading a statement by Chaldean Catholic Patriarch Louis Raphael Sako).

The text of the Pledge of Solidarity follows:

[May 7, 2014]

PLEDGE OF SOLIDARITY & CALL TO ACTION ON BEHALF OF CHRISTIANS AND OTHER SMALL RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN EGYPT, IRAQ AND SYRIA

FACTS

In today's Middle East, the majority of the Christian faith communities, which include Orthodox, Catholics, and Protestants, suffer violence, abuse and injustice from extremist Islamic forces by virtue of being Christian. Now facing an existential threat to their presence in the lands where Christianity has its roots, the Churches in the Middle East fear they have been largely ignored by their coreligionists in the West.

Christians collectively form the largest religious group in the Middle East that is not Muslim, numbering up to 15 million people. In a siege that has accelerated over the past decade, Egypt, Iraq and Syria—the three Middle Eastern countries with the largest Christian communities remaining—have seen scores of churches deliberately destroyed, many clergy and laypeople targeted for death, kidnapping, intimidation and forcible conversion, and hundreds of thousands of believers driven from their countries. The Christian population in Lebanon, the only other indigenous Church community in the region numbering over 1 million, could be threatened by the instability across its country's borders.

No Christian tradition is spared in this current wave of persecution. While addressing the theme of Christian unity, Pope Francis has called this the "ecumenism of blood," meaning that the extremists do not discriminate among the Christians they are attacking. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has also spoken of the contemporary "crucifixion" of Christians. In these same three countries, other defenseless religious groups—Mandaeans, Yizidis, Baha'is, Ahmadis and others—suffer similarly.

It has become abundantly clear that the brutal extremist campaigns are resulting in the eradication of non-Muslim religious communities or, for those who remain, denying them from having any influence or even basic rights within their society's political, social or cultural spheres. While there is no apparent organization or coordination among the various violent actors from nation to nation, their actions are leading to one conclusion: the very real possibility that Christianity may soon be exiled from the region of its origin.

These assaults continue despite rejection by the majority of Muslims and condemnation by prominent Muslim voices, such as Jordan's Prince Ghazi bin Mohammed and

Iraq's Grand Ayatollah Sistani. Many Muslims also face grave threats from the extremist groups and forces that wreak destruction in the name of a political interpretation of Islam.

The current trajectory, marked by political violence and, in the cases of Iraq and Syria, full-blown war, risks a Middle East largely emptied of the millennia-old presence of Christians. Turkey offers an example of what the future may hold for the region as a whole: the Christian population constitutes a mere 0.15 percent of that country's 79 million people, down from almost a quarter of the population a century ago. Turkey's Christian community, once the heart of Eastern Christendom, is nearly gone.

Britain's Prince Charles has drawn attention to this crisis. A life-long proponent of building bridges between the Christian and Muslim faiths through dialogue, he warned last year: "We cannot ignore the fact that Christians in the Middle East are, increasingly, being deliberately targeted by fundamentalist Islamist militants. Christianity was, literally, born in the Middle East and we must not forget our Middle Eastern brothers and sisters in Christ."

Testifying about Egypt before the U.S. Congress in December 2013, Bishop Angaelos of the Coptic Orthodox Church in the UK made similar observations. He stated that the attacks by "radical elements" are not merely targeting individuals, but "the Christian and minority presence in its entirety." Over three days in August 2013, Egypt's Coptic Christians who, numbering about 8 million, comprise the region's largest Christian community, experienced the worst single attack against their churches in 700 years. Both before and after that episode, the Copts have suffered other violence, including a mob assault on the Cairo Cathedral of the Coptic Pope during a funeral service and the bombing of the Church of Two Saints that killed dozens of people. Tens of thousands of Copts are estimated to have fled their homeland in recent years.

During more than a decade of political turmoil in Iraq, Christians have been targeted and killed in their churches, school buses, neighborhoods and shops. Canon Andrew White, the leader of Iraq's only Anglican Church, asserted that "all the churches are targets."

In Syria, large segments of both the Christian and Muslim populations have already been displaced and many, who suffer daily assault, forced starvation and unspeakable hardships, are leaving the country. The Christian community is caught in the middle of a brutal war. But the Christians are also victims of beheadings, summary executions, kidnappings, and forcible conversions, in deliberate efforts to suppress or eradicate their religious faith. Over 30 percent of Syria's Christian churches are reported to have already been destroyed. Recently, extremists have driven out virtually all the population from the Christian towns of Maaloula and Kessab. An entire convent of nuns was taken hostage and held for ransom, along with many others. Priests who have worked to improve interfaith relations and sought truces among the warring Muslim factions have been assassinated. Two Orthodox bishops, Metropolitans Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim and Boulos Yazigi, have been held captive since April 22, 2013.

Baghdad's Catholic Chaldean Patriarch Louis Sako recounts: "For almost two millennia Christian communities have lived in Iraq, Syria, Egypt and elsewhere in the Middle East. . . . Unfortunately, in the 21st century Middle Eastern Christians are being severely persecuted. . . . In most of these countries, Islamist extremists see Christians as an obstacle to their plans." He states that

"it is sad to note that most Western Christians have no real awareness of the painful situation of Christians in the Middle East, even though they could actually highlight their real condition and raise awareness among politicians."

Along with other vulnerable religious groups, Egyptian, Iraqi and Syrian Christians are now leaving their countries in great numbers not simply to look for better economic opportunities. They are fleeing conflict and violence and targeted campaigns against them that have included the following:

Scores of churches—some while full of worshippers—monasteries, cemeteries, and Bible centers have been deliberately demolished and crosses on others have been removed.

The building and repairing of churches has sometimes been curbed and prohibited.

Private Christian homes, businesses and lands have been looted, confiscated or destroyed because some challenge Christians' right to property, thus curtailing livelihoods.

Christians, including some clergy, after being identified as such by their names, identity cards, or some other means, have been beheaded, shot execution-style or otherwise brutally murdered. Clergy have also been killed for their peace-making efforts or simply as personifications of the Christian faith.

Untold numbers of Christians, including bishops, priests, pastors, and nuns, have been kidnapped and held for ransom.

Young women have been abducted and forced to convert to Islam and marry their captors.

In some instances, Christians have been told to convert to Islam or be killed; some have been forced to pay protection money.

In one Syrian town, Christians have been forced to submit to dhimmi contracts (the terms for protecting Jews and Christians in Muslim lands that are attributed to the Islamic 7th century Caliph Umar) under which their religious and other rights are suppressed and they live as second class citizens.

Muslim apostasy and blasphemy codes and standards for dress, occupation and social behavior are being enforced for Christians, as well as for Muslims, in some communities.

Given the above, Christians have been either intimidated or barred from practicing their faith publicly.

Such abuse and injustice are frequent and pervasive enough to form observable patterns in these three countries. Extremists and terrorist gangs are behind most of these incidents; they have been carried out largely with impunity, and sometimes with the acquiescence of state and local authorities. It is their cumulative effect that has triggered the current massive exodus of Christians.

American religious leaders need to pray and speak with greater urgency about this human rights crisis. The sense of abandonment felt by the Middle Eastern Churches is reflected in the searing words of Patriarch Sako, last December: "We feel forgotten and isolated. We sometimes wonder, if they kill us all, what would be the reaction of Christians in the West? Would they do something then?"

PLEDGE OF SOLIDARITY

We, as Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant leaders, have come together in this joint pledge to speak up for our fellow Christians and other threatened religious communities in the Middle East. We invite other faith leaders and all men and women of good will who are concerned with the dignity and safety of all human beings to join us in this urgent task.

We are compelled to take this action by the grave dangers that confront the Church-

es of Egypt, Iraq and Syria, in particular. While Christians have been leaving the Middle East for many years, and, in these three countries, members of all communities—including smaller religious communities and Muslims—suffer from violence and political turmoil, the Egyptian, Iraqi and Syrian Christian communities, under the additional scourge of intensifying religious extremism, are experiencing a sudden, massive exodus of their members from the region. Since these communities account for most of the indigenous Christians in today's Middle East, the continued presence of Christians in the region where Christianity originated 2,000 years ago is threatened.

Recognizing the spiritual, humanitarian and geopolitical implications of this historic flight, we have joined together to affirm our moral obligation to speak and act in defense of religious freedom for all human beings.

As Americans, we believe that the ability to worship God, or not, and to practice freely one's faith, is a basic, inalienable human right, as recognized in our country's founding documents, and that it has universal application. We witness this right under assault today in Egypt, Iraq and Syria.

As Christians, we are called to take to heart Jesus' own words in the Gospel of Luke that he was sent to, "proclaim freedom for the prisoners" and to "set the oppressed free." We look, too, to what Paul told the Corinthians, speaking of the Church as the Body of Christ, "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it." We are also enjoined in the book of Hebrews to "continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." We are aggrieved by the suffering in the Middle East today of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We pledge to call together our own congregations and communities in sustained prayer, education and engagement in US foreign policy on behalf of these Christians and other threatened religious communities of Egypt, Iraq and Syria. All too clearly, we see the "tears of the oppressed" and cannot ignore them.

CALL TO ACTION

While the fate of Christians in the Middle East is unquestionably important to Christians, it should be emphasized that the continued presence of Christians, along with other religious communities, is in the national interest of that region's countries and it is in America's own national interest. We agree with President Obama's assertion before this year's National Prayer Breakfast that the right to religious freedom is an essential human right that "matters to our national security."

Religious diversity provides the important experience of different faith communities living together. If the robust communities of Egyptian, Iraqi and Syrian Christians and other smaller religious communities continue to leave the Middle East, pluralistic coexistence would tragically be diminished region-wide. The Christians of Egypt, Iraq and Syria have rejected violence as an acceptable response to oppression and, instead, by both word and action, have supported a message of peace and non-violence.

Though Christians are a fraction of the overall populations of these three countries, they have long been an integral part of the social fabric, and have contributed, alongside Muslims, to the construction of the Arab civilization. They have had an especially formative role in promoting education, literacy, learning and health care that benefits society as a whole. They have participated in forming professional and entrepreneurial groups important for a dynamic middle class, as well as given rise to

active intellectuals long committed to international norms and practices of human rights, the rule of law, and equal rights of individual citizenship—all essential for democracy and hence for making these countries partners in building societies where all faiths can live and prosper.

We are compelled to ask: Why are the Christians currently being killed or driven out? These communities represent openness to others and a desire for truth, even if inconvenient. They love learning and seek an equal share in building their respective nations. They do not believe in retaliation and embrace forgiveness. They respect individual life as an end in itself not as a means. These are attributes many Muslims also share and ones that any country would appreciate.

Even as we pledge to do all within our power to alleviate the suffering of Christians and other small religious communities in the Middle East, we urgently appeal for action from our government to recognize and act upon the unique plight of these religious communities.

It is our conviction that American foreign policy can be more effectively used to advocate for policies that protect international religious freedom for all. We welcomed President Obama's public remarks regarding his March 27 meeting with Pope Francis, concerning his reaffirmation that "it is central to U.S. foreign policy that we protect the interests of religious minorities around the world." As a matter of conscience, we, therefore, respectfully call for the following actions:

I. Appointment of the Special Envoy on Middle East Religious Minorities. A new special envoy post, filled by a prominent and knowledgeable citizen is needed for deep engagement in the issues and circumstances affecting Christians and other small religious communities in the region. Over 20 special envoy posts exist to protect a range of other groups and interests but none is dedicated to the plight of Middle Eastern religious minorities. American policies continue to be formed without adequately taking into account the impact they might have on these vulnerable communities. A high caliber envoy of stature who has the ear of the President could increase American engagement regarding Middle Eastern religious minorities, so that:

The views and interests, including physical safety and equal rights as citizens, of the members of small, defenseless groups are considered in any peace negotiations concerning Syria.

Every diplomatic effort is made to press other governments in the region to stop facilitating, harboring, and assisting any extremist groups and militias, and to foster respect for the defenseless religious communities.

Other policies to promote tolerance and respect for members of vulnerable religious communities in the Middle East are considered at the highest levels while there is still time to act.

It was just such a special envoy who helped draw attention to genocidal levels of religious and ethnic persecution in Sudan and usher in a comprehensive peace agreement to end the north-south conflict there in 2005.

II. Review of Foreign Aid. As he has done in the interest of other stated administration priorities, President Obama should initiate an internal review to ensure that American assistance programs, especially those that support national governments, uphold policies and principles that relate to religious freedom and pluralism. The review should include examining the region's national textbooks, local governmental broadcasting, statements by public officials, and national identity cards, where the inclusion

of one's religious identity is often used to deny rights. U.S. government-sponsored broadcasting, legal and constitutional assistance, and educational efforts should promote religious tolerance and protect religious freedom, including for small religious groups.

III. Refugee & Reconstruction Assistance. Our principal purpose in speaking out is to help Christian communities and other defenseless religious groups remain safely in the region. To that end, the vulnerable religious minorities, including those who are refugees in neighboring countries or displaced within their home countries, must have equitable access to American refugee, humanitarian, repatriation, and reconstruction aid. Many will need assistance to be relocated elsewhere in the region and American help could be decisive. The U.S. government must ensure that religious minorities are not discriminated against by local authorities in the distribution of aid donated by the U.S. government, as was reported to have occurred at certain junctures in Iraq, contributing to the wholesale exodus of its Christians and other small religious communities. It must also continue to reach Christians and others who eschew UN refugee camps that they perceive to be controlled by extremist groups. In some particularly tragic instances, we recognize that individual members of defenseless religious communities will never be able to return to their homes, and urge that those individuals be given fast track asylum in the United States and elsewhere in the West.

CONCLUSION

A generation ago, American religious leaders successfully mobilized support for the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998. That law created the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom and institutionalized regular State Department reporting on the status of religious liberty around the world. That legislation should be credited with helping to establish, as President Obama acknowledged at the National Prayer Breakfast last February, that "promoting religious freedom is a key objective of U.S. foreign policy." Now, new action is desperately needed by our churches, our government and our civil society institutions here in the United States, and by all people of good will to make that objective a reality. (Signatories are signing in their individual capacities and titles are included for identification purposes only.)

IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Military Appreciation Month and to honor the extraordinary bravery and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform by celebrating.

Each May, veteran and service organizations come together to hold events around the country to demonstrate their gratitude to current and former men and women in uniform and their families for their service to our country.

From Military Spouse Appreciation Day to Memorial Day, the month of May is a time when a grateful nation acknowledges and affirms the debt owed to those brave men and women who risked their lives to preserve the freedoms we too often take for granted.

It is important that we recognize and celebrate the tremendous role military personnel have played across the globe.

Texas is home to more than 130,000 active military personnel and more than 1,600,000 veterans, 30,000 of which are from the 18th Congressional District of Texas.

It has been an honor to represent these constituents and I am extremely proud of their service.

As we acknowledge our former, current and future military men and women, it is essential that we provide them with the resources necessary to help wounded warriors, veterans, and their families transition to civilian life.

That is why I was proud to cosponsor and help shepherd to passage H.R. 1344, Helping Heroes Fly Act, that was signed into law in 2013 and which facilitates expedited passenger screening at airports for service members who are severely injured or disabled, along with their families.

I also introduced H.R. 4110, the "Helping to Encourage Real Opportunity for Veterans Transitioning from Battlespace to Workplace Act of 2014," which provides strong incentives for employers to hire, retain, and employ veterans in positions that take maximum advantage of their skills and experience.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I recognize by the name the 53 brave men and women from my home city of Houston, who served in Iraq and Afghanistan and gave the last full measure of devotion to their country.

They are: Krystal Fitts, Jorge Luis Velasquez, Cody Norris, Jacob Molina, Pedro Maldonado, Eduardo Loreda, Matthew Catlett, Zarian Wood, Andrew Roughton, Edgar Heredia, Joshua Molina, Steven Candelo, Scott McIntosh, Orlando Perez, Jeremy Ray, Benjamin Garrison, Rodney Johnson, Matthew Medlicott, Alan Austin, William Edwards, Eric Salinas, Danny Soto, Roy Jones, Terrence Dunn, Hector Leija, David Fraser, Benjamin Rosales, Kenneth Pugh, Alberto Sanchez, Walter Moss, Michael Robertson, Howard Babcock, Timothy Roark, Ivica Jerak, Phillip George, Keith Mariotti, Clinton Gertson, Dexter Kimble, Jesus Leon-Perez, Thomas Zapp, Eric Allton, Andrew Houghton, Juan Torres, Pedro Contreras, Adolfo Carballo, Scott Larson, Leroy Sandoval, Armando Soriano, Keelan Moss, A. Esparza-Gutierrez, Tomas Sotelo, Brian Matthew Kennedy, and Brian Craig.

God bless them. And may God bless the United States.

HONORING LYNN BUCHANAN,
NEWBURY PARK BREAKAWAY
FROM CANCER CHAMPION

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Newbury Park cancer survivor and my constituent, Lynn Buchanan, who has been named a Breakaway from Cancer champion.

As a Breakaway from Cancer champion, Ms. Buchanan will be honored as part of the "Amgen Tour of California," the largest cycling race in the United States. Ms. Buchanan will lead the "Breakaway Mile," a special walk to the Tour of California finish line in Thousand

Oaks, honoring the millions of cancer survivors among us and in remembrance of the lives lost to this deadly disease. She will be joined by 150 members of the local Ventura County community.

In addition to Ms. Buchanan, the Breakaway from Cancer initiative will also recognize cancer survivors in other host communities along the course, which runs from Sacramento along the California coastline to Thousand Oaks. At the conclusion of each of the six stages of the Amgen Tour, Breakaway from Cancer cham-

pions will also present the “Most Courageous Rider” jersey.

A national partnership between biotech company Amgen and four nonprofits, the Breakaway from Cancer initiative works to increase awareness of the important resources available to people affected by cancer, from prevention to education and support to financial assistance and life after cancer.

First diagnosed with breast cancer in 1988, Ms. Buchanan was diagnosed a second time in 2012. Drawing strength from her family,

friends, and her local Cancer Support Community, Ms. Buchanan persevered. Now that her treatments are complete, she volunteers to help improve the lives of cancer patients and survivors in her own community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Ms. Buchanan for her courage and leadership, and to commend the efforts of Amgen and its many community partners and volunteers for empowering cancer patients and celebrating cancer survivors.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the Congressional Record on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 21

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
To hold hearings to examine energy security and research.

SD-192

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Personnel

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SD-G50

Committee on Finance
Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy
To hold hearings to examine strengthening Social Security to meet the needs of tomorrow's retirees.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine authorization for the use of military force after Iraq and Afghanistan.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "DHS Cybersecurity Workforce Recruitment and Retention Act of 2014", S. 2113, to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, H.R. 1233, to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, S. 1045, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that persons having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment, S. 1744, to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances, S. 1691, to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border pa-

trol agents, S. 675, to prohibit contracting with the enemy, S. 1820, to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of official portraits of Members of Congress, heads of executive agencies, and heads of agencies and offices of the legislative branch, H.R. 1036, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Center Street West in Eatonville, Washington, as the "National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office", H.R. 1228, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South 9th Street in De Pere, Wisconsin, as the "Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building", H.R. 1451, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building", H.R. 2391, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5323 Highway N in Cottleville, Missouri as the "Lance Corporal Phillip Vinnedge Post Office", H.R. 3060, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 232 Southwest Johnson Avenue in Burleson, Texas, as the "Sergeant William Moody Post Office Building", and the nominations of Sherry Moore Trafford, and Steven M. Wellner, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Tony Hammond, of Missouri, and Nanci E. Langley, of Hawaii, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SD-226

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine the role of health care providers in advance care planning.

SD-106

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine women's retirement security.

SH-216

2 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Small Business Administration and the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.

SD-138

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on African Affairs

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs with the Subcommittee on African Affairs to hold joint hearings to examine the escalating international wildlife trafficking crisis, focusing on ecological, economic and national security issues.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SR-222

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine delivering better health care value to consumers, focusing on the first three years of the medical loss ratio.

SR-253

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 1474, to encourage the State of Alaska to enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes in the State relating to the enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, to improve the quality of life in rural Alaska, to reduce alcohol and drug abuse, S. 1603, to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, S. 1622, to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, S. 1818, to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, S. 2040, to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, S. 2132, to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, and H.R. 2388, to take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine Indian education, focusing on the Bureau of Indian Education.

SD-628

MAY 22

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SR-222

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development

To hold hearings to examine bringing our transit infrastructure to a state of good repair.

SD-538

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1720, to promote transparency in patent ownership and make other improvements to the patent system.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine access and supports for servicemembers and veterans in higher education.

SD-430

MAY 23

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SR-222

JUNE 4

3 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine military service to small business owner, focusing on supporting America's veteran entrepreneurs.

SR-428A